

10. All acknowledgments of deeds and conveyances made under former acts, before one provincial justice, or before one or two of the council, and enrolled according to the directions of those acts, are hereby confirmed.—*ibid.*, § 11.

11. All probates of deeds and other matters, made either in the mayor's court, or before two magistrates of the city of *Annapolis*; and all deeds of lands within the precincts of the said city, in like manner acknowledged, shall be good in law as if made or acknowledged before one provincial, or two justices of a county court.—1725, c. 8.

12. Where any lands, tenements or hereditaments, lying within this province, shall be conveyed by any deed, wherein any *femme covert* shall be named as a bargainor or vendor, for transferring her estate of inheritance in such lands, &c. or wherein such *femme covert* may have right or claim of dower only, where such *femme covert*, shall, at the time of her executing such deed, reside and be out of this province, in *Great Britain, Ireland*, or within any province, or colony, within his majesty's dominions, it shall be lawful for her to acknowledge such deed, and be examined apart from, and out of the hearing of her husband, before the mayor of some corporation within *Great Britain or Ireland*, or before one of the justices of the supreme or provincial court, of such province, or colony, within his majesty's dominions, whether she doth make her acknowledgment of the same, willingly and freely, and without being induced thereto by fear or threats of, or ill usage by her husband, or fear of his displeasure? and the mayor, or justice, so taking such acknowledgment, and certifying the said examination and acknowledgment, by an endorsement upon such deed or writing under his hand, and the seal of such corporation, where taken before a mayor, or the seal of the province or colony, where taken, and a certificate of such private examination and acknowledgment, shall be adjudged in law to bar such *femme covert* of her right of inheritance, or dower, as the case may be, to said lands, &c. according to the purport of such deed, or acknowledgment.—1752, c. 8. § 2. (See *below* art. 18.)

13. No estate of inheritance or freehold, or any declaration or limitation of use, or any estate for above 7 years, shall pass, except the conveyance by which the same shall be intended to pass, shall be acknowledged in the provincial court, or before one of the justices thereof, or in the county court, or before two justices of the same county where the lands do lie, and also enrolled in the records of the same county, or provincial court, within 6 months after the date of such conveyance. May, 1766, c. 14. § 2.

14. But where the grantors, &c. shall live remote from the provincial court, or out of the county where the lands lie, such persons may acknowledge